

Requests for Proposals

1. Disparity Study for the Procurement of Goods and Services

The purpose of this Request for Proposals is to solicit bid proposals from qualified bidders who can update the findings of the State's 1993 Study on Discrimination in Public Works, Procurement and Construction Contracts solely as they relate to the analysis performed for the procurement of goods and services. The State seeks the services of a qualified consultant to provide a legally supportable basis for determining whether goods and services contracts let by certain State agencies within the State of New Jersey should be subject to a race and/or gender conscious remedial program.

The consultants responding to this Request for Proposals are being asked to analyze contracts for goods and services, including the purchase of equipment and other services, such as accounting, medical, trash hauling, janitorial, etc. to determine: (1) whether there is a disparity between the number of qualified minority and women-owned firms willing and able to perform a particular service and the number of such firms actually engaged by the agencies included in this Study; (2) whether the agencies included in this Study have engaged in practices that have prevented or deterred minority and women business owners from participating fairly and equally in goods and services contracts; (3) whether the agencies included in this Study have passively participated in a system of racial exclusion practiced by elements of the industry; (4) whether the agencies included in this Study have fully utilized their opportunities to provide race- and gender-neutral measures and if not, whether additional race- and gender-neutral measures will sufficiently remove any identified barriers to contracting; and (5) whether race- and gender-based remedies are warranted and, if so, the type and extent of remedy needed for each separate group, which by virtue of its gender, race or ethnicity, has been subjected to discrimination in its ability to obtain State contracts. The consultant is being asked to analyze public contracting practices as they relate to vendors and their subcontractors, if any, who provide goods and other services to the agencies included in this Study.

The duration of this procurement study is 9 months.

2. Status of Requests for Proposals

On February 10, 2003, the NJ Department of Treasury advertised both the Construction and Procurements RFP's. A summary of the scope of work for each is as follows:

- A mandatory pre-bid conference was held on March 6, 2003 at 10AM for the Construction Request for Proposals and at 2PM for the Procurement Request for Proposals.
- Consultant proposals for both studies were received on April 30, 2003.
- Proposals were received from the following firms:

Construction – Construction Related Products

(Listed in alphabetical order)

1. Analysis Group, Inc.
2. D. J. Miller and Associates, Inc.
3. Mason Tillman Associates, Ltd
4. Regents of the University of Minnesota

Procurement (Goods and Services)

(Listed in Alphabetical order)

1. Analysis Group, Inc.
 2. D. J. Miller and Associates, Inc.
 3. Mason Tillman Associates, Ltd.
 4. MGT of America
 5. Regents of the University of Minnesota
- Proposals are currently being evaluated, awards are expected to be announced shortly.